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REORGANISATION OF CONTACT WITH "KHIKS", "ADAM", "DORONSON" AND
"STEMLI" IN VIEW OF THE CANADIAN AFFAIR
(1945)

From: MOSCOW

To: LONDON

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To BOB(i).

In view of the "NEIGHBOURS"(SCOMBI)"(ii) affair in CANADA and the circumstances which have arisen at your end as a result of this, transfer "KHIKS"(iii) at the regular meeting to "ADAM's"(iv) control. Temporarily, until further notice, cut down meetings with "KHIKS" to once a month. Urge "KHIKS" to concentrate his attention on passing on material dealing only with large fundamental issues. As "ADAM" is by nature a rather phlegmatic person, encourage him to adopt a manner at meetings with "KHIKS" which will impress the latter so that "KHIKS" senses "ADAM's" authority. On "DORONSON's"(v) return from [2 groups unrecoverable][a] with him not oftener than once a month. The position remains the same for "STEMLI"(vi) also. If, however,

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you notice that, as a consequence of local circumstances, greater attention is being paid to you and to our workers by the COMPETITORS[KONKURENTY][vii], you may break off contact temporarily with the sources. For the period of the "lull" in your work with the agents[AGENCIERA], try to create a pretext [2 groups were-covered] [C% panic and cases of] carelessness. Meet them more by neutral methods of contact, go to theatres, cinemas, etc. Warn all our comrades to make a thorough check when going out to a meeting and, if surveillance is observed, not to try, under any circumstances, to evade the surveillance and meet the agent regardless. For such contingencies make use of check appointments[KONTROL'NYE YAVKI]. Come to an agreement on this with the sources. Verify once more the passwords, addresses and check appointments you have, so that, in case of loss of contact, the sources can be re-established without undue difficulty.

We agree with your proposal about handing over "DZhONSON"

[4 groups ~~uncovered~~]
 [43 groups ~~uncovered~~]

Note: [a] The word following "from" could be "reality", "colonise" or "detached duty".

- Comments: [i] BOB: ✓ Probably Boris Mikhajlovich KROTOV, 3rd Secretary and Consul General in LONDON from August 1941 to March 1947.
- [ii] NEIGHBOURS: ✓ Members of another Soviet intelligence organisation: in this case the GRU, from which GUZENKO defected in OTTAWA on 5th September 1945.
- [iii] KhIJKS: ✓ i.e. "HICKS"; probably G. F. de M. BURGESS.
- [iv] ADAM: ✓ Unidentified covername.
- [v] DZhONSON: ✓ i.e. "JOHNSON"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW's No. 47 of 18th September 1945 (3/NBF/T268).
- [vi] STENLI: ✓ i.e. "STANLEY"; H. A. R. PHILBY.
- [vii] COMPETITORS: ✓ Members of a non-Soviet intelligence organisation.

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